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CMSP Letter 93-3TO: CMSP County Welfare Directors
CMSP County Health OfficersSUBJECT: REDUCTION IN CMSP SCOPE OF BENEFITS EFFECTIVE
FEBRUARY 1, 1993 AND OTHER PROGRAM CHANGES

This is to inform you of the various County Medical Services Program (CMSP) changes which are being implemented during Fiscal Year 1992-93.

A beneficiary notification, regarding the CMSP dental benefit reductions, changes in the maintenance need level, both effective February 1, 1993, as well as clarification of the benefit reductions effective January 1, 1993 was issued with the February 1993 CMSP cards. A copy of the notice is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions concerning these changes, please contact me at (916) 322-1478.

Sincerely,


Jim Martinez, Chief
County Medical Services Program

Enclosure

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COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM (CMSP)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
CONCERNING YOUR CMSP ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS**

ELIGIBILITY CHANGE

Effective February 1, 1993, the maintenance need level for CMSP recipients will be reduced 5%. This means: 1) if you did not previously have a share of cost (SOC), then you may now have a SOC; or, 2) If you previously had a SOC, then it will increase.

REDUCED DENTAL BENEFITS AND RATES OF PAYMENT

Effective February 1, 1993, CMSP reduced the scope of dental benefits to CMSP recipients. If you receive dental services on or after February 1, 1993, it is your responsibility to check with your dentist to ensure that the service being provided is a benefit under CMSP. Also, effective February 1, 1993, CMSP will reduce the rates of payment to dental providers. It is important for you to know that CMSP payments to providers are payment in full, and you are not responsible for any fees which result from the difference between the "amount billed" by the provider and the "amount paid" by CMSP for covered services.

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CORRECTION OF BENEFIT REDUCTIONS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1993

Notification was previously sent to you concerning the reduction of CMSP benefits effective January 1, 1993. This is to correct and clarify the policies on some of those reductions, as follows:

- 1) Outpatient services in a rehabilitation clinic will not be covered; however, inpatient rehabilitation services will be covered; and,
- 2) Optometry services will include eye examinations, but not eyeglasses. It is not necessary for a CMSP recipient to have a diagnosis of aphakia or pseudoaphakia (cataracts) in order to receive an eye examination.

As a reminder, other services no longer covered by CMSP effective January 1, 1993, are: audiology, eye appliances, lenses and frames, hearing aids, occupational therapy, podiatry and speech therapy. Also, the following provider types are no longer eligible to bill CMSP for services rendered on or after January 1, 1993: audiologists, dispensing opticians, fabricating optical laboratories, hearing aid dispensers, occupational therapists, podiatrists, rehabilitation clinics and speech therapists.

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